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New online tool maps more than 1,800 beaches, harbor walks, boat ramps and other coastal sites open to the public

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**BOSTON** – The Baker-Polito Administration today launched Coast Guide Online, an interactive mapping tool developed by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' (EEA) Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM). Designed for use on mobile phones and tablets, as well as desktop computers, Coast Guide Online includes more than 1,800 sites along the Massachusetts coast that are open to the public and owned by government agencies (state, local and federal) and nonprofits. They include beaches, rocky coasts, shore-side parks, public boat ramps, local harbor walks, secluded coves, marshes and creeks, scenic overlooks, islands, small rights-of-way and much more.

"With approximately 1,500 miles of coastline in the Commonwealth, visitors are able to witness breathtaking views and explore amazing coastal locations that are close to home," **said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton**. "Importantly, Coast Guide Online will offer a map of more than 1,800 sites, which will provide users with the opportunity to access extensive state databases of information through a simple and convenient tool that can be utilized from their mobile phones."

To open up Coast Guide Online, residents are encouraged to visit CZM's [website](#). From there, individuals can link to the user-friendly mapping tool of the more than 1,800 sites. Once online, users can zoomed in and display the site name, manager/owner, links to additional information, and a photo (if available).

"Our goal was to develop an intuitive, online tool that would highlight the amazing diversity of the Massachusetts coast and all the great places that are open to the public to visit," **said CZM Director Bruce Carlisle**. "Coast Guide Online is fully optimized for mobile use, so you can literally carry a map of more than 1,500 miles of coastline and displaying public access sites with you wherever you go."

Coast Guide Online will continually be updated as new sites and new information become available. One focus will be to add photos, with the ultimate goal to include a photo of each site. To accomplish this, CZM is holding a Coast Guide Online Photo Contest. Submit a photo of one of the sites available through Coast Guide Online and be entered to win a 2018 MassParks Pass from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). For details, individuals can visit CZM's [website](#).

The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) is the lead policy and planning agency on coastal and ocean issues within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Through planning, technical and grant assistance and public information programs, CZM seeks to balance the impacts of human activity with the protection of coastal and marine resources. The agency's work includes helping coastal communities address the challenges of storms, sea level rise and other effects of climate change; working with state, regional and federal partners to balance current and new uses of ocean waters while protecting ocean habitats and promoting sustainable economic development; and partnering with communities and other organizations to protect and restore coastal water quality and habitats.

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